

Department of Community Development

Requirements for Installation of Construction Envelope Fencing Prior to Issuance of a Building Permit

Your building application has been accepted for review and approval.

- The submitted plans will first be reviewed by the Zoning Inspector by the applicable provisions of the Land Development Code prior to their review by a building official, who will base review on the city's adopted version of the International Building Code.
- Before a building permit is issued, the approved construction envelope on the prospective parcel must be defined and fenced within the terms of Section 812.04 of the City of Sedona Land Development Code. This section states:
 - o "Prior to the issuance of a building permit and during construction activities, the construction envelope shall be clearly designated on the property by a fence at a minimum height of three feet and staked at eight feet on center to protect all natural vegetation outside the construction envelope". (See the example on the reverse side of this form.)
- Section 909D of the Land Development Code also defines how trees within the construction envelope should be protected. This section states:
 - o "All trees which are to be saved within the construction envelope shall be fenced during construction to avoid compaction of the root system and low branches from being broken. Such a barrier shall be no smaller than the diameter of the drip line of the tree to be saved and shall be a minimum of three feet high, except that trees within three to five feet of a structure's walls or that overhang a driveway or patio may be exempt from the requirements of this section, provided that six or more inches of gravel is placed over that portion of the drip line to reduce compaction damage, and if it can be shown that construction activities would be unduly hindered by the fencing requirements. Other recognized procedures for tree preservation may be approved by the Director."
- After the submitted plans receive zoning approval, a staff member will call to inform you that you should proceed with the installation of the construction envelope fence. When this is complete you must call to arrange for an inspection. The construction envelope should not be fenced prior to the completion of the zoning review.
- Once installed, the construction envelope fence must remain in place during the ENTIRE construction phase.

If you have any questions or need further clarification on construction envelope fencing, please call the zoning inspector at 204-7121.